

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 22 to 25 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus ~~which is connectable to a~~ computer, the peripheral apparatus comprising:

a switch, which is turned on by a user or the computer;

a control unit, which controls the peripheral apparatus; and

a power control unit, ~~which determines whether or not a switch is turned on by a user or the computer, and which starts supplying power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user or the computer,~~

wherein the control unit ~~checks~~ determines whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer ~~if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the computer,~~

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, the control unit controls the peripheral apparatus to operate as a peripheral apparatus for the computer, and

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer, the control

unit controls the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit

~~wherein the control unit determines that the power control unit continue supplying power from the battery to the control unit if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, and~~

~~wherein the control unit controls the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein if the switch is turned on by the user, the control unit controls the peripheral apparatus to operate standalone ~~the peripheral apparatus operates standalone if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A method used in a peripheral apparatus ~~which is~~ connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus including a switch, which is turned on by a user or the computer, a control unit, which controls the peripheral apparatus, and a power control unit, ~~which determines whether or not a switch is turned on by a user or the computer and which starts supplying power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user or the computer,~~ the method comprising the steps of:

checking determining whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer ~~if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the computer;~~

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, controlling the peripheral apparatus to operate as a peripheral apparatus for the computer; and

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer, controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit

~~determining that the power control unit continue supplying power from the battery to the control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer; and~~

~~controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if it is determined that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.~~

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, further comprising a step of, if the switch is turned on by the user, controlling the peripheral apparatus to operate standalone wherein the peripheral apparatus operates standalone if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user.

26. (Previously Presented) A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the computer.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the computer.